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1.

the Freienwalde labor office had continually drafted laborers for the Werneuchen airfield where construction was to be completed soon. The workers previously employed in Werneuchen were hired by the labor offices for work at Strausberg airfield and for reconstruction work at Marxwalde, formerly Neuhardenberg, airfield. The construction firms concerned will also transfer some of the laborers who were previously employed in Werneuchen to Koenigsberg/Neumark for improvement of the airfield and subsequently to the Warsaw district for the construction of a new airfield. Those laborers who will work in Koenigsberg will receive a daily bonus of 12 DM east in addition to the standard wage. Soviet penal units were allegedly employed in the Koenigsberg district. (1)

2. On 1 September, all of the hangars at Werneuchen airfield were closed except for the hangar located farthest to the east, which was empty. (2) 50X1-HUM
According to the bread rations, the occupation of the field had increased from 80 to 100 men. Passenger cars _____ trucks _____ and bread truck _____ were observed entering and leaving the field. (3) 50X1-HUM

3. Work on the runway was completed except for a strip of about 200 meters in its middle. Excavating south of the runway and east and west of the hangars was under way. The subgrade of the newly laid branch railroad line was completed. A drainage ditch was dug north of the runway to a length of about 800 meters and south of the railroad line to a length of 1,300 meters. Three Diesel locomotives, 42 steam locomotives, and 5 cranes were observed in operation at the field. The industrial police of the Bauunion Firm furnished the guard detail consisting of 24 men and 2 watchdogs. _____ 50X1-HUM
_____ upon completion of construction work at the field, about 40 percent of the laborers were to be employed for airfield construction in Koenigsberg/Neumark and the rest in Strausberg. 50X1-HUM

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4. Between 27 and 31 August, a total of 3,862 men and women ~~was~~ employed at the field. An area of 198,000 square meters was concreted. (4) 50X1-HUM
5. A wooden fence 2 meters high was being built around hangar No 7. It was announced during a production conference that laborers were to be quartered in the hangar. The former NCW settlement, located along the Terneuchen Wegendorf road, had to be evacuated by the workers and returned to the Soviet military administration by 29 October 1951.
6. The supervising Soviet major said that the airfield would be occupied by aircraft equipped with six jet engines, which have never been observed in Germany. (5) 50X1-HUM
7. An average of 50 carloads of cement which equals about 500 tons were used daily. Most of the cement was in paper sacks with the inscription Ruedersdorf.

Comments. 50X1-HUM

- (1) It appears that, upon completion of the airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany, improvement work is to start on airfields in the area of the Fourth Air Army and possibly also in Poland. In addition to the airfields mentioned, the field in Breslau-Schoengarten is allegedly to be improved.
- (2) PE-2s are parked in three hangars. 50X1-HUM
- (3) Two bomber regiments are allegedly to be transferred from Juetzenbog to Terneuchen.
- (4) If the concrete strip is 80 meters wide its length will be about 2,500 meters.
- (5) Soviet jet aircraft equipped with six jet engines have not been reported before. The information is believed to be improbable.

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